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Addendum

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I. Calendar of conferences and meetings

A. Matters related to and inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar for 2001

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 55/222, approved the revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2001 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences and amended by subsequent decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session. The approved calendar was issued as document A/AC.172/2001/2.

2. At its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Committee had decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee should in future be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

3. At its 379th meeting, on 23 March 1995, the Committee had agreed that proposed changes to the calendar that did not have programme budget implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee had decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee that involved a change of venue should be referred to the members for approval. Departures that involved other types of changes, as the Committee had decided at its substantive session of 1994, should be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.



5. The requests submitted in 2001 for changes of venue or additional sessions and the action taken by the Committee are set out below.

<i>Organ</i>	<i>Request</i>	<i>Action taken</i>
International Civil Service Commission	To convene the fifty-third session of the Commission from 11 to 29 June 2001 in Montreal rather than New York, upon the invitation of the International Civil Aviation Organization to host the session at its headquarters in Montreal. Section I, paragraph 4 (g), of General Assembly resolution 40/243 provides that if more than one session is required in any one year the Commission may accept an invitation from one of its participating organizations to hold its other session at the headquarters of that particular organization. For 2001, the Commission had decided to hold a single joint session of three weeks in Montreal instead of two sessions of two weeks each, and a focus group meeting in New York from 29 January to 2 February 2001, in lieu of the formal spring session	Request approved
Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	To convene the second session of the Committee for five days in February 2001 in New York instead of Geneva, pursuant to a decision related to General Assembly resolution 55/214	Request approved
Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters	To convene the tenth meeting of the Group of Experts in Geneva from 10 to 14 September rather than from 23 to 27 April 2001 in New York, pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2001. The meetings of the Group of Experts are regularly convened in Geneva rather than New York for reasons of convenience and cost-effectiveness since most of the Group's members and observers are based in Geneva, thus enabling larger participation at a lower cost	Request approved
Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing	To convene a resumed session of the Commission acting as preparatory committee on 30 April and 1 May and for one week from 10 to 14 December 2001 to complete the work of its first session	Request of 30 April to 1 May approved
Commission on the Status of Women	To convene a resumed session of the Commission from 9 to 11 May 2001 in order to complete the work of its forty-fifth session on two major issues: (a) agreed conclusions on the theme "Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS", which was intended to assist the deliberations of the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth special session; and (b) the report of the Secretary-General on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women and the proposed programme of work of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women for the biennium 2002-2003	Request approved

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Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters	To convene the thirty-seventh session of the Board from 25 to 27 July 2001 in Geneva rather than New York in order to give members an opportunity to confer with participants in the Conference on Disarmament. Moreover, since the Board also serves as the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the Geneva venue permits Board members to be in close contact with the staff of the Institute	Request approved
Meeting of Government Experts of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and Development Institutions	To convene the fifth session of the Meeting of Government Experts from 30 July to 3 August 2001 in New York rather than Geneva because while few landlocked developing countries have permanent missions in Geneva they all have missions in New York. Therefore, the only way to ensure the effective participation of landlocked developing countries in the above meeting is to hold it in New York	Request approved
The Commission on Human Rights acting as the preparatory committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance	To convene a third session of the Commission acting as preparatory committee in Geneva from 30 July to 10 August 2001 to continue the negotiations and drafting of the Declaration and Programme of Action of the Conference initiated at its second session	Request approved
Committee on Information	To convene a resumed session of the Committee for three days from 5 to 7 September 2001 because the Committee had requested the Secretary-General to submit to it a final report on the results of the pilot project on the development of an international radio broadcasting capacity for the United Nations by August 2001, and had expressed its intention to take a final decision on the mandate and allocation of the necessary resources for the establishment of a permanent international radio broadcasting capacity for the United Nations during the main part of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. The one-year pilot project began on 30 August 2000.	Request approved